

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING A DISPERSANT AND AN OVERBASED CARBOXYLATE  
OR SULFONATE FOR RHEOLOGY CONTROL IN COATINGS AND INKS**

the specification of which was filed on May 20, 2005 as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ (the inventor authorizes adding the United States Serial Number at a later date).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability and the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120/365 of all United States and PCT international application(s) listed below and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in such prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a), which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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